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Charge Called "Utter Lie"

Berlin, Mar. 29.—In a formal note to the United States High Commission in Berlin, the Russians tonight charged that a crew member of an American military freight train had deliberately fired on and destroyed a railway traffic signal in the Soviet Zone.

The charge was denied by the American authorities as "an utter lie." The Soviet charge, coupled with a "slowdown blockade" of highway traffic, increased concern in quarters over the possibility of a renewed blockade.

—United Press.

New Shanghai Evacuation Plan Okayed

San Francisco, Mar. 29.—The American President Lines announced on Wednesday that its Shanghai office has completed negotiations to evacuate 2,000 foreign nationals, including Americans, from Shanghai.

An American President Lines spokesman said both the Chinese Communists and Nationalists have agreed to evacuate the refugees on two river steamers. The steamers will proceed to Saddle Island, in the mouth of the Yangtze River, where they will rendezvous with the two LSTs that have been waiting there since previous negotiations broke down.

The spokesman said the LSTs will go directly either to Nagasaki or Yokohama. There, the passengers will wait to be picked up later by the liners General Gordon and President Cleveland on their next trips to the Far East.

The APL said it had heard nothing from the State Department.

The General Gordon is now about three days out of Honolulu. It started from Japan after a previous attempt to arrange the evacuation fell through.

—United Press.

Colonial Sec. To Visit Malaya This Summer

London, Mar. 29.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, told Parliament today that he hoped that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, would be able to visit Malaya this summer.

He had been asked by Mr. Arthur Harvey (Conservative) to consider arranging such a visit in view of the disturbed situation in Malaya.

Mr. Harvey further suggested that a visit in the immediate future would be far more beneficial than one further ahead as it would encourage those who were fighting the "bandits."

Mr. Attlee replied, "The campaign against the bandits is very fully organized. I cannot say the exact time (for the Colonial Secretary's visit) but we agree that it would be a useful thing for him to visit Malaya."

The House laughed when Mr. Walter Fletcher (Conservative) suggested that in view of the risks involved and in the interests of economy Mr. Griffiths should take a single ticket.

There was no reply when Brigadier Otho Pridmore Palmer (Conservative) asked if it was not equally important for the War Minister, Mr. John Strachey, to go too.

LONDON REACTIONS

The projected visit of the Colonial Secretary to Malaya this summer, announced today, quickened expectation in political quarters that there will be early moves to give Malaya greater control of their own affairs.

But observers here were sceptical about an American news agency report suggesting "a Cabinet of Asian Ministers" as an immediate likelihood.

It is known that talks are taking place in Malaya between the British High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney, and local leaders on the general question of political advances through the new constitution.

These talks touch on possible changes, such as the inclusion of Malayan political leaders in the Executive Council with the style of Ministers and change of certain administrative departments.

Jamaica provided a precedent for giving members Ministerial style and charge of departments.

There, elected members of the Legislative Council are elected by the lower body to the Executive Council, and are entrusted by the Government of the Legislative Council are Jamaica with charge of various departments.

It is likely that the proposals now being turned over include also the idea of including a larger number of local representatives—Malays, Chinese and Indians—than now in the Executive Council.

A point which may occupy attention in the present discussions is the question of Chinese born in Malaya—who do not necessarily acquire Malayan citizenship. Discussion may revolve round the idea of agreement on some common form of citizenship.

The Government intends to encourage the Malayan people, whose present contribution to the present anti-bandit drive in their own country has aroused universal admiration—to take an ever-increasing responsibility for their own affairs.

—Reuter.

\$1 MILLION A YEAR MAN SOON

New York, Mar. 29.—The American cinema comedian, Bob Hope, expects to be worth more than \$1,000,000 a year soon, according to Variety, the entertainment trade journal, which reported today that Bob Hope will sign a long-term contract for this amount with the National Broadcasting Company.

Bob Hope recently drew \$120,000 for a fortnight's seasonal appearance in a Broadway cinema.

—Reuter.

Lili Marlene Arrives In Town



In the strangest hair-style seen so far in 1950, and a leopard-trimmed coat, Lili Marlene (the original Lili Marlene of wartime song fame) arrives in England from Switzerland to make a music-hall tour.—London Express Service.

Food For Starving China: Knowland Makes Suggestion

Washington, Mar. 29.—The United States Republican Senator, Mr. William Knowland, today proposed that surplus American foodstuffs should be sent to Communist China as a "humanitarian move" to relieve famine conditions.

Mr. Knowland made the recommendation in identical letters to President Truman and Mr. Dean Acheson, the Secretary of State, which he made public today.

He said that reports from China indicated that more than 40,000,000 people were in the famine areas and over 10,000,000 more in danger of starving.

At the same time, he said, reports indicated that the Chinese Communists were sending food to Russia in exchange for industrial equipment.

"Nevertheless, the American people always had a friendly interest in the well-being of the people of China," Mr. Knowland said.

He also said that a relief mission, similar to that headed by Mr. Herbert Hoover after the first world war, should be sent to distribute the food.

This would in no way mean United States recognition of the Chinese Communist regime, he added.

URGE MORE AID

The US Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Ambassador-at-large, Dr. Philip Jessup, urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today for increased aid to help countries in the Far East resist Communism.

This was disclosed by Senator Tom Connally, Democratic Chairman of the Committee, after a two-and-a-half-hour closed meeting with Mr. Acheson and his top advisers on Far Eastern policy.

Senator Connally said that the meeting had discussed major United States policy moves in China, Taiwan and South-East Asia.

Mr. Acheson arrived for the meeting accompanied by Dr. Jessup, Mr. Walton Butterworth, formerly Assistant Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs and now an Assistant Secretary of State dealing with Japanese problems; and Mr. Dean Rusk, former Deputy Under-Secretary who this week was placed in charge of the State Department's Far Eastern Affairs Division.

Dr. Jessup and Mr. Butterworth recently returned from extensive tours of the Far East.

In a statement to the press after the meeting, Senator Connally said:

"Ambassador Jessup emphasized from his personal experience and observations the vital importance to the United States of continuing and stepping up United States assistance to the countries of this region where it can add to their determination and ability to resist Communist infiltration and to make further progress towards sound economic and firmly established democratic governments."

FLEXIBLE FUND

Senator Connally added that Dr. Jessup, in discussing the "unsettled situation" in the Far East, pointed out the necessity of having available a flexible fund for use in the general area of China "when and where the need might develop."

According to Senator Connally, Dr. Jessup stressed the importance of early action by Congress on President Truman's Point Four programme for underdeveloped areas.

(In a Foreign Aid Bill now before the House of Representatives, President Truman requested \$45,000,000 to launch the Point Four programme.)

Dr. Jessup was quoted as telling the Committee that early Congressional action was required to start the programme. He said it was greatly needed and desired by the people of Eastern Asia and Southern Asia to help them in their own efforts to obtain a higher standard of living from their own resources.

Senator Theodore Green (Democrat—Rhode Island) told reporters after the meeting that they had discussed the whole Far Eastern situation.—Reuter.

ARMED ROBBERY

Three men—one armed with a revolver, and another with a dagger—held up the occupants of 157, Reclamations Street, Yau-mat, first floor, about 10 a.m. this morning.

They escaped with \$300 in cash and two gold rings. Armed Police later searched passengers leaving Star ferries on the Hongkong side.

Harbour Collision Inquiry Findings

COXSWAINS HAVE THEIR LICENCES SUSPENDED

Better Sound Signals For Small Craft Recommended

As a result of a Marine Department inquiry into the collision between the ferry Man To and the walla-walla Australia on the night of March 16, which resulted in the loss of two lives—Mr. David Fitzroy-Williams and Mrs. Penelope Osborne—the licence of the Man To's coxswain has been suspended for two months and the licence of the coxswain of the walla-walla one month.

The findings also recommended the installation of more efficient sound signalling apparatus on small power-driven craft.

It is understood that in consequence of this recommendation, walla-wallas in future must be fitted with klaxons, and that the use of trumpets for giving signals is to be discontinued.

The full report of the Departmental Inquiry follows:

We were instructed to hold a Departmental Inquiry into the circumstances attending a collision which occurred at about 10.30 p.m. on March 16, 1950 between the ferry vessel Man To and the motor launch Australia, with a view to establishing whether, under Section 37(XI) of Ordinance 10 of 1899 it was necessary to cancel or suspend the certificate of competency of any person involved. The Inquiry was held on March 22 and 23 and we find as follows:

The Man To is a motor ferry vessel, length 110 feet, owned by The Hongkong and Yau-mat Ferry Co. Ltd. At the time of the collision her coxswain was Leung Sal Lo who holds certificate of competency No. 860 dated September 1, 1947. The motor launch Australia is 26 feet long and has a licence (No. 213) to carry 16 persons. She is owned by The Republic Motor Boat Co. and chartered to Cheng Kiu Sing of 474, Shanghai Street, 3rd floor, Kowloon. At the time of the collision, the Australia was in charge of Cheng Kiu who held a coxswain's certificate No. 590 dated April 18, 1947 and also an engineer's certificate No. 412 issued on January 11, 1947. The night was dark and clear, wind Easterly force 5, sea very rough.

At about 10.30 p.m., the Australia was alongside the port-side gangway of the American steamer Steel Navigator lying at buoy No. A2. The tide was slack, the ship just making, and the Steel Navigator was heading about N.N.E. Three European passengers boarded the launch from the Steel Navigator and instructed the coxswain to proceed to the public pier at Tsimshatsui.

The launch cast off and proceeded past buoy A2 about 50-60 feet away on the starboard side and travelling at her full speed of 5-6 knots.

NO SIGNALS HEARD

A few minutes earlier, the Man To had left the Eastern berth at the Vehicular Ferry Pier bound for Mongkok steering to pass to the eastward of the Steel Navigator. The Man To had reached a position approximately 300 feet East of the Steel Navigator's stern and was travelling at a speed of about nine knots when the coxswain saw, fine on his port bow, the white mast head light and the green side light of the Australia coming clear of A2 buoy. He estimated the distance of the green light at about 400 feet. (The length of the Steel Navigator is shown in Lloyd's Register as 468.5 feet). He immediately gave two short blasts and altered his course slightly to port. No appreciable change in the bearing of the green light was noticed and, at an estimated distance of 300 feet from the Australia, he again sounded two short blasts and altered course slightly to port. No reduction of speed was made by the Man To at this time. No sound signals were heard from the Australia and no action on the part of the Australia was

detected. Two short blasts were sounded and a slight alteration to port was made for the third time when distance from the Australia was estimated to be 200 feet but full speed was maintained until the Australia's port side light was seen approximately right ahead at a distance estimated by the Man To's coxswain, to be 120 feet. The engines were then put full speed astern. No sound signals were heard from the Australia.

Shortly after passing Buoy A2, the coxswain of the Australia saw the white masthead light and red side light of a vessel which he recognized to be a ferry, at a distance estimated to be 200-250 feet, approximately on his starboard beam. He immediately altered course to starboard and sounded one blast on a portable horn blown by mouth. Whilst altering course, he heard two blasts from the ferry and, later, a second two blasts. He continued to alter course to starboard considering it too late to attempt to pass ahead of the "Man To". The "Australia" turned through approximately 120° and was struck on the port side. The marks on the ferry and on the Australia indicate that the stem of the Man To struck the awning of the "Australia" near the latter's stern, causing her to heel over and swing against the port bow of the Man To with a force sufficient to fracture some frames and open up the planking. The Australia capsized and sank immediately in a position approximately 70 feet East of Buoy A2. The propeller in the bow of the Man To was at that time going full speed astern and it was very likely augmented the capsizing moment.

RESCUE WORK

After the collision, the Man To stopped by to assist in rescue work. Lifebuoys were immediately thrown overboard and the three Chinese members of the crew and one European (Contd. on Page 5, Col. 1)

Ethel Moller Mystery

Said Being Used As Troop Transport

The Telegraph understands that, according to intelligence reports reaching Hongkong, the Ethel Moller, which has been missing since February 26, has been seized by the Chinese Nationalists and is now being used as a troopship.

These reports added that the Ethel Moller was used in this capacity in the recent landing of Nationalist troops near Chusan.

Nothing is known about the officers and crew of the Ethel Moller—whether they are being held "captive" or are detained incommunicado in Formosa.

Questioned this morning, officials of Messrs Moller said they had received no information as to what has happened to the Ethel Moller. They could neither deny nor confirm the above report.

Death Was An Exaggeration

Prague, Mar. 29.—Dr. Bedek Fierlinger, Deputy Premier of Czechoslovakia, attended today's plenary meeting of the National Assembly and in doing so effectively quashed rumours of his assassination.

The General-Secretary of the Communist Party, Rudolf Slansky, rumoured to have been wounded by revolver shots at the time of Dr. Fierlinger's assassination, also attended. Government officials had already denied the reports last week.—Reuter.

Leopold Crisis: Socialists Suggest A Compromise

Brussels, Mar. 29.—The first break in the 12-day Belgian Cabinet crisis came today when the Socialist Party said it was willing to consider King Leopold's return provided he promised to abdicate in favour of his 19-year-old son.

Paul Henri Spaak, former premier and head of the anti-Leopold Socialists, said the concession should offer the pro-Leopold Social Christians (Catholics) a graceful way out of the present deadlock.

The Social Christians want Leopold back on the throne. He was exiled in 1935. The Socialists are bitterly opposed to him, but M. Spaak said they would accept his heir, Crown Prince Baudouin.

The acting premier, Gaston Eyskens, and the remaining eight Social Christian Ministers in his outgoing coalition Cabinet met today to discuss the Premier-designate's so-called "national solution" to the 12-year-old government crisis over Leopold's proposed return.

Sources close to the Premier-designate, M. Albert Devez, a Liberal who is also acting Defence Minister, said his formula also called upon the King to return but with a pledge to abdicate in favour of the Crown Prince.

Meanwhile, M. Devez made an interim report to the Regent, King Leopold's brother Prince Charles. The Premier-designate's negotiations will be interrupted from tomorrow for the Defence Ministers' meeting in the Hague.—United Press.

EDITORIAL

A Demand For Realism

PUBLIC opinion which has been challenging, forcibly and almost unanimously, the justice of Government's proposals for balancing the budget, can derive no whit of satisfaction from the result. Judged by the official attitude, disclosed yesterday, the main issue is settled, to all intents and purposes, and against the critics. Outwardly, this may not be obvious. The procedure permitted stalling, and the art of leaving things in the air was neatly executed. A promise was given that the Government will explore all methods of raising additional revenue, apart from increasing direct taxation rates, with the views of the Unofficials kept clearly in mind. New legislation will be required and there will be further opportunity for debate. Unfortunately, unless we seriously mistake the meaning of the Financial Secretary's analysis of potential revenue sources, hopes that there is implied an intention to avoid new taxation by way of direct taxation should not be held high lest they prove delusory. In the main, Mr. Follows set himself to break down arguments in favour of other methods of boosting revenue. There were reasons why this could not or should not be done, why this would not be worth while, how there were peculiar complications which would prevent that being worked satisfactorily in Hongkong. Much of it, of course, carried conviction, but the natural consequence, oddly enough, was that the Financial Secretary found himself with only two sources of higher revenue, the Inland Revenue Department, and the business registration scheme outlined by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada. Any visionary expectation that one might be substituted for the other was blacked out, however, by raising the ante, setting the revenue target at \$204,000,000, and the possible

deficit at \$12,000,000, too heavy to be covered by receipts from business registration fees. No personal criticism of the Financial Secretary is possible. As the guardian of the Colony's finances, he is entitled to his opinions and his conservatism. If, however, Mr. Follows is entitled to congratulations on a suave and clever presentation of the Government's case, and his sincerity, it does not follow that agreement is compelled. Weak points abound. Perhaps it is entirely correct to say Unofficial members of the Legislative Council accepted the Government's basic insistence that the deficit must be covered. Small is the quarrel on that score. But acquiescence is quite a different thing from further consenting to the idea that a deficit is inevitable without new taxation. If it seems wrong for comparatively few to meet the cost of providing security for the many, it is doubly wrong to bleed the few before an absolute necessity is demonstrated. As several times urged, Government would be on happier ground if, after three months, the revenue estimates were proved substantially correct. The critics, in discomfiture, would respect the Financial Secretary's acumen, and willingly disgorge. Then the disclosure that the Government has devoted much time to devising a means for wealthy refugees to contribute to the cost of administration. As they are mostly living on capital, said Mr. Follows, they are affected only by indirect taxation. A more powerful plea for tackling the problem from that angle can hardly be imagined—except that Government did not mean it to be so interpreted. There remains only the assurance that the various aspects will be further considered. We can only insist that the process must be realistic, and that fears are unwarranted that minds are already made up.

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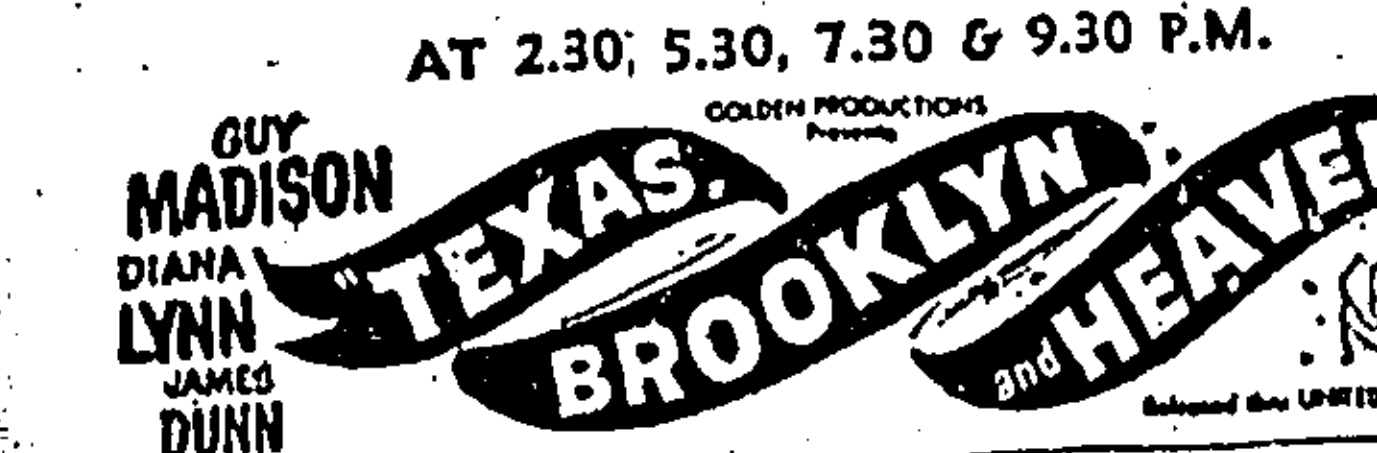
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The Attic Needs More Appreciation

By ELEANOR ROSS

THE long housing shortage has been responsible for all sorts of ingenious innovations, one of them, the glorifying of the good old standby, the attic. Long just an uneasy haven for discarded, what do we find now but attics done over into fifty one-room apartments, into handsome study-dens, extra sitting rooms, extra bathrooms and beautiful bedrooms. Such rooms offer the joys of quiet, pretty views, extra air and sunlight, and many of us are wondering why it took a crisis to appreciate the good points of the attic.

Of course, there's more, far more to it than just some white-washing and doing-over. The jobs that we have been doing were all properly handled, with insulation, vapour barriers, new windows, wall panels, new flooring etc. But in every case, the cost, and I won't really much, proved to be well worth it.

In some instances, where the house heating plant couldn't be changed, unit heaters were installed. Then together with extra wiring, outlets and such, everything was fine. And an attic fan not only cools the attic room but does its bit for the rest of the house, too.

We saw a wonderful transformation of a big attic into a neat little house. It has twin built-in beds, one on either side of a built-in storage, dressing table unit set in front of the new picture window.

Each bed has ruffled testers that help to conceal the slope of the ceiling. Twin daughters, through college, and ready for careers, created a space problem until this wonderful solution, a big attic double-bedroom, suggested itself.

In another attic-to-bedroom transformation, even the eaves were put to work, with a desk, dresser, bookshelves, game closet, low wardrobe, all built into, four feet high, making a nice group. The schoolboy occupant of this top-floor suite thinks it something special and keeps it shipshape. A small hall, just outside the attic was transformed into a bathroom on the floor below, which kept the cost down.

Another project finds the attic of a small house done over into a nice little extra or guest room. When used for sleeping quarters, a divan slides out of the wall to become a double bed. Drawers in storage unit design flank the divan and use waste space under the eaves. Decorative insulating board was used for the room.

FAST FADING from the operatic scene is the hefty song bird, very much overdone in her place is the charming, slender, beautifully gowned diva, perhaps best exemplified by the petite, pretty, coloratura soprano, Lily Pons. She posed for us in her new evening gown, which combines many high fashion features. It is dark maroon satin, floor length and strapless. There is an inset of cloud pink flat crepe, maroon lace covered, that gives a sort of bibbed apron effect. The lace design is outlined in maroon Brussels lace around the pink inset.

There is a condition called periodic paralysis which seems to run in families and is connected with potassium deficiency. There is weakness in the legs which may spread to other muscles in the body. The condition comes on in attacks which may last a few hours to several days. Fatigue, exposure to cold, or overeating may bring on the symptoms.

It seems that this condition is associated closely with some disturbance in the use of sugar by the body. However, it has been found that giving potassium salts completely abolishes the symptoms.

Sometimes babies with severe diarrhea lose a great deal of potassium with the result that acidosis or lessening of the amount of alkaline in the blood and tissues occurs.

In treating this condition, solutions containing potassium are given by injection under the skin or into a vein.

Acidosis may also occur in diabetes and in such cases a potassium deficiency must be considered. Here, also, injections of fluids containing potassium into a vein is necessary.

Another disorder called Addison's disease, which is due to a disturbance of the adrenal glands above the kidney, is also accompanied by a potassium deficiency, particularly when the patient is eating a diet low in this substance. Hence, in this condition also, the use of foods containing this substance is important. Such foods as beef, beans, nuts, and milk are rich in potassium.

The same is true of a disorder known as stentoritis, in which there is an increased loss of potassium in the bowel movement because of the excessive amounts of fats present in the bowel. Not only may a deficiency of potassium occur in this disorder, but also a lack of calcium or lime, so that these substances may have to be administered to make good the loss.

THE CARDIGAN sweater, so long a favourite with women everywhere, lends its lines and interest to many of the new resort numbers. Currently shown is a dress in amber coloured silk with a canisole top that uses matching grosgrain ribbon for shoulder straps, to edge the bodice top and for the waistband. Complementing it is a matching wool jersey jacket lined in the silk, with grosgrain edge and matching buttons. Here again, we see the importance of the dress and jacket ensemble, well established for the season.

BEACH SWEATERS

THE important beach cover-ups this year are sweaters, the way designer Tina Leser sees it. Her collection gives the curtain-raising spot to little cut-away dolman-sleeve knit jackets, all of which make wonderful tops to the pace-setting wool knit swimsuits.

Some of the woolknits have elasticized ribbing for strapless-top and leg bands. The most exciting is a complete pull-on swimsuit, elasticized all over with no openings other than the strapless top. With the Miss Leser introduction, fabric stockings, caps or fabric-folded "hides" for swimming, treated to be water-repellent. These, too, have elasticized edges to hold them on.

Corduroy and denim are two more exciting fabrics for swimming. The denim are really sail-and-swim suits—little one-piece playthings with built up tops, lined for swimming. Corduroy crops up in swimming shorts beautifully printed in shades of blue or shocking pink on natural. With these they show the new wrap-around, strapless worsted jersey bra which is boned and almost completely adjustable.

This is but one of the many, many new fashions inspired by Miss Leser's round-the-world trip, which "wrap-up" the resort season. A series of sun-beach and dancing strapless dresses in beautiful imported batik-printed cottons have bodices wound up on diagonal wrap-around lines. Terry skirts and day-off suits have strapless scarves which can wrap around or tie and flow down the back. Several more dresses in lovely silk damasks, Oriental-inspired, have the same wrap-around effect. Strapless scarves. Still others have Spanish shawl coming right out of the bodice, continuing the spiral line of diagonal-bodice tucks. In most of these fullness

is swept to one side of the skirt, for even more of an asymmetric look.

Wrapped-up confections are the swimsuits and strapless dance dresses with diagonal cut-out embroidered bodice bands punctuated with a big bow at one side of the strapless neckline. These and the silks look like perfect informal evening types for resorts.

Tablecloth cottons are a new "find." Miss Leser uses pastel cotton tablecloth damasks as fabrics suitable for warm evening dresses, in decollete dresses with organdie boleros or embroidered-hem overskirts.

Japanese-obi inspired silk damask prints are shown in soft-tailored shirts with contrasting skirts and "obi belts", as more and more expression of this designer's "round-the-world" ideas.

THE cardigan sweater, casually tossed over the shoulders and rarely buttoned, is again this season, the wrap that is worn everywhere in Palm Beach. The short sleeve white cable-knit cardigan is the favourite with women lunching at the Ball and Tennis Club. Most white cardigans are worn with pastel and navy linen casual dresses. Grosgrain binding and crystal or wool covered buttons add a dressy touch to these sweaters.

Coloured cardigans are in the minority, though frequently seen in navy over a white dress, and in brown over natural or beige linen. The dark cardigans are plain, knits with ribbed banding, and frequently have a breast pocket with gold embroidered emblem.

Handknit cardigans with jewel necklines are getting high fashion endorsement not only for luncheon wear, but also for informal dining at smart restaurants. The two inch jewel bandings which give the effect of a necklace are worked in pearls. Sometimes either at the centre or on the fringe line or three bands wide which adds a bit of motion and overcomes the flat set look of the beaded necklace.

Evidence that there is increasing interest in fancy necklines on cardigan sweaters is noted in the fact that "one company" which specializes in shell hand craft has started to produce shell designs on cardigan sweaters. The customer buys her own cardigan, and the charge for the shell embroidery is extra.

Effect Is Lost
"If you are trying to be satirical, Monsieur, the effect is lost on me, for I think barbed spare-ribs are delightfully delicious."

"I agree with Madame, I merely want to emphasize what can be done to put an ordinary food in the social register. I have enjoyed these barbed spare-ribs in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, and I really must congratulate American restaurants on adopting this ancient method of barbecuing and serving the pan. Then add 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. vinegar, 2 tsp. sugar and 2 tsp. Worcester sauce. Place over an asbestos mat and simmer about 20 min. longer; turn the spare-ribs twice to be sure they are well seasoned all over. To serve, arrange cooked black eyed peas in the centre of a heated deep platter, and fold the spare-ribs over them. Garnish with parsley or celery tips."

Barbecued Spare-Ribs with Black Eyed Peas
Order 2 strips spare-ribs cut in sections of 3 each. Place in a large heavy kettle and fry until beginning to brown. Then add 1 minced peeled good-sized onion, 1/2 tsp. sage, 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Sprinkle with 2 1/2 cups flour. Continue to cook until the flour begins to brown; turn occasionally. Then add 1 1/2 c. water or liquid drained from cooked vegetables, and simmer until reduced to inch lengths before cooking so they can be eaten with chopsticks. And that is evident in the pan. Then add 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. vinegar, 2 tsp. sugar and 2 tsp. Worcester sauce. Place over an asbestos mat and simmer about 20 min. longer; turn the spare-ribs twice to be sure they are well seasoned all over. To serve, arrange cooked black eyed peas in the centre of a heated deep platter, and fold the spare-ribs over them. Garnish with parsley or celery tips."

Barbecued Spare-Ribs as Finger Foods
Order 1 strip spare-ribs, separated and cut into 1 in. lengths. Place in a heavy sauce pan. Add 2 c. boiling water, 3 tsp. soy sauce and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and simmer until the meat is tender, about 1 1/2 hrs. Then add 1 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. table mustard, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce and 2 tsp. orange juice. Place over a high heat. Cook and stir until the meat is browned and glazed, and the sauce is absorbed.

Spare-Ribs in Scandinavia
"Spare-ribs are also a favourite food in Scandinavia. There they cut 2 strips of spare-ribs as square as possible. They break the bones, and rub all over with salt, pepper and plenty of ginger. They spread

CHARCOAL gray men's wear flannel is used for a town suit, ideal to show its sleek lines. Shiny black braids finishes all the edges, and black buttons fasten the trim jacket. The flapped pockets form a high yoke, and there are buttons at the sleeves.

To distract their attention from the dental work being done on their teeth, patients in the offices of two Canadian dentists can, if they wish, make use of tiny radios with headsets that fit in to their ears, furnished by the dentists.

How to Wash, Set, Curly Hair



If your freshly-shampooed hair doesn't want to stay put, apply a little solidified brillantane on the spots where it's inclined to fly.

By HELEN POLLETT

IN the prehistoric period of the pitfall every straight-haired girl prayed for curly hair. But now, when the wave lines close to the scalp, the end of the wave will refuse to conform. In that event the visit to the beauty shop, an investment of cash and there you are. You can have lovely loose wave lines or you can be frizzy. Whatever you want, you can get.

With naturally curly hair, as with the permanent, the most fastidious care is necessary to preserve the undulations. The weekly or fortnightly shampoo must be thorough, every bit of the renovating agent laved away with warm water. It is a mistake to have a cold rinse at the end of this beauty rite; it makes the shafts go limp. A quick steaming will cause the shafts to shrink and form coils. Certain hair dyes must not be used. They form a coating on the shafts that takes away the curl quality. The woman with naturally curly locks should fingers.

In some ways the permanent may be more satisfactory than the natural wave because nature does not always make a success in her efforts to produce the curly thatch. It may lack lines and pattern be much too fuzzy. There are ways getting the frizz under control. While the hair is still wet from shampooing, a cream dressing can be used, reflected in with the finger tips until it is well distributed. Then comes the wave set which should have a prolonged drying. When dressing the hair a little solidified brillantane should be smoothed on with the fingers.



IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Tasty Barbecued Spare-ribs

SINCE the mythical origin of roast pig in China, thousands of years ago, pork spare-ribs have been one of the most commonly used foods in the world. The wealthier classes preferred the meat of chicken, goose, turkey or game to that of the lowly porker. But in recent years Mr Pig has broken into the most exclusive circles, for one of the most popular dishes to be served with the aperitifs in the swankiest restaurants is barbecued spare-ribs of pork. And how good they can taste!

"We must also observe," intoned the Chef, "that when spare-ribs of pork break into high society, they become more delicate, more petite, more plump than their coarse relatives that are used to the company of sauerkraut or cabbage. They become what we call 'finger foods,' small enough to be eaten daintily by the most fastidious lady or gentleman."

Dinner
Beef Soup with Noodles
Barbecued Spare-Ribs
Black Eyed Peas
Collared Corn Bread
Pickled Beet and Onion Salad
Crisp-Cross Apricot Cake
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Barbecued Spare-Ribs with Black Eyed Peas
Order 2 strips spare-ribs cut in sections of 3 each. Place in a large heavy kettle and fry until beginning to brown. Then add 1 minced peeled good-sized onion, 1/2 tsp. sage, 1 tsp. salt and 1/2 tsp. pepper. Sprinkle with 2 1/2 cups flour. Continue to cook until the flour begins to brown; turn occasionally. Then add 1 1/2 c. water or liquid drained from cooked vegetables, and simmer until reduced to inch lengths before cooking so they can be eaten with chopsticks. And that is evident in the pan. Then add 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. vinegar, 2 tsp. sugar and 2 tsp. Worcester sauce. Place over an asbestos mat and simmer about 20 min. longer; turn the spare-ribs twice to be sure they are well seasoned all over. To serve, arrange cooked black eyed peas in the centre of a heated deep platter, and fold the spare-ribs over them. Garnish with parsley or celery tips."

Barbecued Spare-Ribs as Finger Foods
Order 1 strip spare-ribs, separated and cut into 1 in. lengths. Place in a heavy sauce pan. Add 2 c. boiling water, 3 tsp. soy sauce and 1 tsp. salt. Cover and simmer until the meat is tender, about 1 1/2 hrs. Then add 1 tsp. sugar, 1/2 tsp. lemon juice, 1 tsp. table mustard, 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce and 2 tsp. orange juice. Place over a high heat. Cook and stir until the meat is browned and glazed, and the sauce is absorbed.

Spare-Ribs in Scandinavia
"Spare-ribs are also a favourite food in Scandinavia. There they cut 2 strips of spare-ribs as square as possible. They break the bones, and rub all over with salt, pepper and plenty of ginger. They spread

CHARCOAL gray men's wear flannel is used for a town suit, ideal to show its sleek lines. Shiny black braids finishes all the edges, and black buttons fasten the trim jacket. The flapped pockets form a high yoke, and there are buttons at the sleeves.

SECOND NORTHSIDE 777

MAN ALSO NOW FREED

By Frederick Cook

New York — The case of Call Northside 777 (remember the film?) is closed at last. The second of the two men gaoled in Chicago 16 years ago has walked out of Cook County Gaol a free man.

It all began back in 1932 when two gunmen walked into a "speakeasy" in a Chicago slum area and, without a word, shot down and killed a policeman, Patrolman Lundy. He was the eighth Chicago policeman slain that year and orders went out that this time the killers were to be found.

Two young men were arrested some weeks later: Joe Majczek and Teddy Marinkiewicz. At their trial, largely on the testimony of the woman who owned the speakeasy, they were convicted and sentenced to 99 years in the penitentiary. The case seemed finished. In 1941 a small announcement appeared in advertising columns of the Chicago Times.

\$5,000 reward for the killers of Officer Lundy on December 9, 1932. Call — Chicago Times city editor, Karin Walsh, passed the advertisement to Crime Reporter James McGuire, 40-year-old ex-private detective.

MOTHER WAS TRACED
McGuire traced the advertisement to an old woman living in a squallid South Side street not far from the stockyards. She was the mother of Joe Majczek.

For 10 years, McGuire learned, she had slaved as a charwoman, gone short of food, to save enough money to tempt someone to tell the truth about her son, whom she firmly believed was innocent.

Eventually he found that the woman who owned the speakeasy had at first insisted that she did not recognise either of the men who shot the policeman before her eyes, and had then changed her mind and put the finger on Teddy Marinkiewicz. Police traced both men and arrested them.

McGuire published a running account of his investigations, and in August 1945 won a full pardon for Joe Majczek.

INVESTIGATED WITNESS
When they freed Majczek, the Pardon Board cut Marinkiewicz's sentence to 75 years, but refused to set him free. They had ducked over one point: that a witness had stated that Marinkiewicz had once threatened the owner of the speakeasy, though the woman herself had made no such statement.

McGuire decided to investigate this witness. Months of work followed until he was able to prove that she had once harboured a grievance against Marinkiewicz.

He took his evidence to the authorities and won a habeas corpus hearing for the man being held.

And now, after 16 years, Teddy Marinkiewicz—at the age of 41—has been set free. His only complaint now: "I cannot sleep. The beds on the outside are too soft."

—London Express Service.



In the film Call Northside 777, James Stewart as reporter McGuire interviewing the mother of Joe Majczek. It was she who inserted the advertisement.

CHICAGO WORLD TRADE FAIR

Chicago, capital of America's midwest, will become an international trading post for two weeks this summer. The city will be the scene of the first international trade fair ever held in the United States.

It will be in an economic tradition dating back to medieval Europe.

About 75,000 buyers are expected to visit the show between August 7 and 19 to look at and buy goods from countries all over the globe.

Exhibits will range from fragile glassware and delicate lace to industrial machinery and chemical raw materials.

LOTS OF SPACE
L. S. Anoff, president of the fair, said Chicago would spend more than \$1,000,000 organizing and promoting the exhibition. Four large buildings with an area of 1,000,000 square feet will house the products of the world's workers.

Foreign goods will occupy about two-thirds of the floor space, and American displays the remainder.

The fair is being organized with the cooperation of the U. S. Government. It was originally the idea of the European Co-operation Administration. It is intended frankly to help foreign manufacturers sell more goods in the United States and thus alleviate their critical dollar shortage.

"We intend to help those countries which are willing to help themselves," Anoff said.

MANY INTERESTED
The "Marshall Plan" countries have shown the earliest and greatest interest in the opportunity for displaying their wares before American buyers, but many countries outside that group will be represented.

Anoff said India, Liberia and Latin American countries, including Mexico, have expressed interest.

Czechoslovakia has applied for 10,000 square feet of display space and other countries from

eastern Europe are expected to join her.

About 450,000 square feet is available for rental at US\$3 a foot. For this the display will get a booth, a sign with his name and a listing in the show catalogue.

The fair will be reserved almost exclusively for buyers, with the general public admitted only for brief periods. Buyers will be charged "about \$5 or \$10" and will receive credentials, a catalogue, information, and transportation.

GOVERNMENT TO HELP
A "little Washington" of Government officials is expected to be on hand to help business men find out how they can cut red tape from foreign buying and selling.

Several foreign governments also have announced that they will rent space for information bureaux to perform the same function.

The fair, one spokesman said, is specifically designed to aid small firms who cannot afford a foreign sales force but who wish to find and sell a new market.

The history of such fairs comes to the present in an almost uninterrupted line from the Middle Ages. —United Press.

REALLY GOOD OLD SONGS STAY POPULAR ALWAYS

By Leo Turner

New York.—A good song never dies, music publishers contend. "That's why it keeps making a good living for the man who wrote it," one publisher observed.

America's popular music is written for youngsters of 12 to 20, he said. But don't scoff. That means if they like it today, they'll enjoy hearing it next year.

There is a big argument along Tin-Pan-Alley over the 10 best money-makers turned out by

American composers. But there is considerable agreement that "White Christmas," a little number Irving Berlin knocked out in 1942, is one of the all-time contenders.

For some of the others, here are some year-by-year selections from the list of 500 best sellers listed by the American Society of Composers and Publishers. The ones you remember best will also remind you of how old you are.

BEST SELLERS

A Bird in a Gilded Cage (1900). Mighty Lark a Rose (1902). Sweet Adeline (1903). Give My Regards to Broadway (1904). In My Merry Oldsmobile (1905). Every Day a Lady's Day With Me (1906). On the Road to Mandalay (1907). Take Me Out to the Ball Game (1908). Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet (1909). Down by the Old Mill Stream (1910).

Alexander's Ragtime Band (1911). My Melancholy Baby (1912). Memphis Blues (1913). Missouri Waltz (1914). Pack Up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag (1915). Down Among the Sheltering Palms (1916). Darius (1917). Every Day a Lady's Day With Me (1918). Dardanella (1919). Margie (1920).

Wabash Blues (1921). Stumbling (1922). Who's Sorry Now (1923). Always (1925). Sweet Georgia Brown (1926). Chole (1927). I Can't Give You Anything but Love Baby (1928). Stardust (1929). Dancing With Tears in My Eyes (1930).

LIST KEEPS GROWING

Goodnight Sweetheart (1931). A Shanty in Old Shantytown (1932). Smoke Gets in Your Eyes (1933). Cocktails for Two (1934). I Got Plenty of Nuttin' (1935). I Got Plenty of Nuts (1936). Rosalie (1937). Thanks for the Memory (1938). Begin the Beguine (1939). God Bless America (1940).

REFLOATING FRENCH LINER IN PIECES



Work is in progress in the harbour at Le Havre, France, on the construction of a special dock for the refloating of the 31,569-ton French liner, Paris, which caught fire and sank at her berth in 1939. The vessel has been divided into five sections by work done below the water surface. — (Acme).

Ancient Story Buried Beneath Nile Sands

By Brian Hodgson

Khartoum, Sudan.—The unwritten story of an ancient Christian civilisation in Africa may be buried beneath the desert sands around Karima and Dongola, on the banks of the Nile. Disturbed only by the hooves of occasional gazelle, this wilderness is believed to conceal the history of a people who populated the area thickly until 1340 A.D.

The people built cities, had their own particular culture and kept an outpost of Christendom flourishing in the depths of the Moslem-controlled Middle East for nearly 800 years.

An amateur archaeologist has set out with camels and Sudanese bearers to survey the area at his own expense. He is Terence Gray, a wealthy Irishman, resident of the South of France.

His purpose is to collect as many "clues" as possible about this civilisation and then to report to P. L. Shinnie, Archaeology Commissioner for the Sudan Government.

BLANK CHAPTER

Gray's finds, though not sensational, have convinced Shinnie that a full-scale scientific expedition should be sent out to the Karima area.

"It will fill in a blank chapter of history if such an expedition is financed," Shinnie said.

If the expedition is not sent, it is likely that the "blank chapter" never will be written. The Egyptian Government is almost certain to start construction of a new dam in the locality soon, and the site of Shinnie's proposed investigations will be flooded by the waters of the Nile.

The Archaeology Commissioner has drawn up a detailed plan for a large expedition, armed with equipment for digging deep enough to fold back the desert from the remains of temples and burial grounds which he feels certain lie under the sands.

PROBABLY NUBIANS

It is believed that the Christian population of this extinct nation were Nubians. They were converted by missionaries of Greek extraction who were sent by the Empress Theodora of Constantinople, in 540 A.D.

Theodora was at one time a barbit dancing girl, but became a devout and active Christian after her marriage to the emperor, Constantine, or Byzantium, was at that time the capital of the eastern half of the split Roman Empire.

It is amazing, Shinnie said, to realise that, while the western world was beset by the forces of uncivilized barbarians, Theodora's missionaries were able to reach the Sudan and found the Christian community.

The Christian civilisation is believed to have been finally overrun in the middle of the 14th century by Moslem forces from the north. No massacres are known to have taken place, and the reason for the gradual degeneration and final disappearance of the population of the area is another point which Shinnie wants to clear up. — United Press.

NEWCOMER



Starlet Marilyn Monroe is a comparative newcomer to Hollywood, but if she's as talented as she is curvaceous, she's bound to make a name for herself. — (Acme).

West End Hatter Was A Scientist

They were strange headlines to read about a gentleman's hatter of Jermyn Street, London. "British Science Triumphs. Mystery Organism Found. Boon to Mankind."

But then Joseph Edwin Barnard was a strange kind of hatter. For one thing, he was a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Part of each day, it was true, he was at Jermyn Street, chatting with the distinguished customers who came to his shop, making certain that they got the hats they wanted.

For the rest of each day Mr Barnard was busy with his microscopes. They had been his hobby as a youth. They became his passion as a man. Hour after hour he probed their secrets, experimented, invented.

Then came those headlines in 1925. What had happened? Mr Barnard had developed an ultra-violet microscope, had gone into research with the famous Dr W.E. Gye.

Modestly Mr Barnard explained the work in cancer research which they had done. Dr Gye had grown an organism "closely associated with malignant growth." With his instrument Mr Barnard had examined it. He put his claim no higher.

Controversy still rages about the merits of the Gye-Barnard work. But the will of Joseph Barnard, published earlier this month, tells of the privilege which the hatter's boyhood hobby won for him among the men of science. He was "President of the Royal Microscopical Society; Hon. Director of the Department of Applied Optics at the National Institute for Medical Research."

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Women Outnumber Men In America

America's 1950 census, which begins on April Fool's Day, is going to be a women's census. Population experts are already agreed that it will be the first ever to reveal a preponderance of women. They suspect that it may show as many as 1,000,000 more women than men.

Questions of "special interest to women" are going to be put at every fifth house throughout the country. These will include a detailed inquiry about housing, covering everything from the age of the television set to the efficiency of the kitchen drains.

Included will be the type of house structure, the heating method employed, how much rent is paid, or how much is still to be met on the mortgage.

Census officials said today that scientific samplings have already revealed that a heavy preponderance of women will be shown in the official count. Until 1930, men maintained a margin over women in the United States of 102 to 100 for every 100 women.

In 1912 the excess of men, after a long period of immigration, was over 2,700,000. By 1940 the sexes had reached almost exact balance. Halfway between the 1940 census and the 1950, the balance shifted. In 1945, according to the samplings, there were 99.6 males for every 100 females.

TWO REASONS

Two main reasons are given for the switch: The heavy decline of immigration (pre-dominantly men) and the higher death rate among men.

The population experts believe that the decline in the life of men will go on. But they add that this need not alarm a girl in search of a husband because it will be limited mainly to the older men. There are still more men than women in the "marrying-age groups"—15 to 24.

LUNG TROUBLE DETECTOR

A new instrument which detects lung ailments almost instantly, even in the earliest stage, was revealed recently by a University of Pennsylvania scientist.

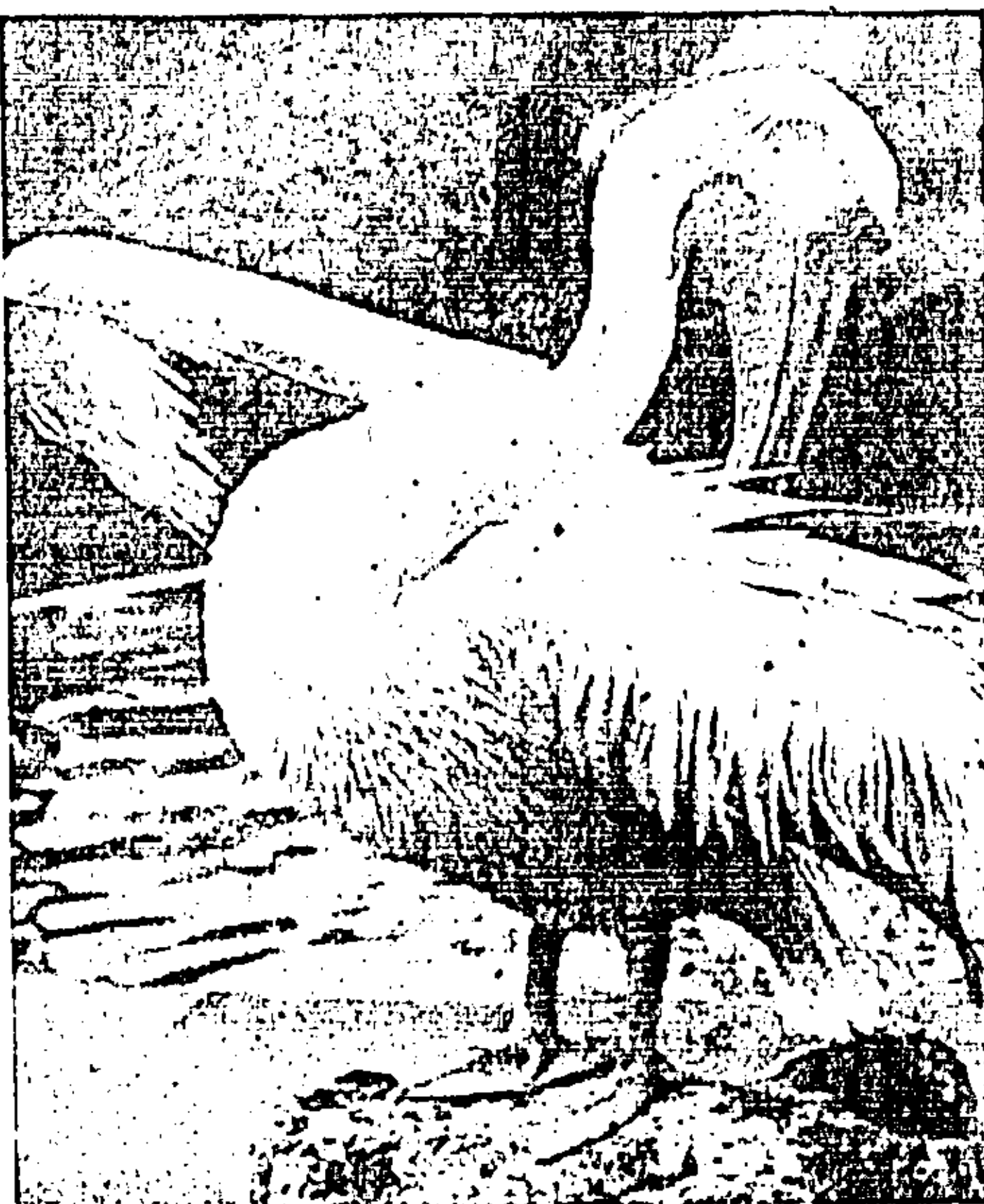
The instrument, described as a nitrogen meter, will detect asthma, emphysema, silicosis, cancer and other lung afflictions, said Dr Julius H. Comroe, Jr.

The new appliance continuously sucks a small sample of gas exhaled from the lungs into a glass tube. High voltage is applied to the tube and the gas glows with a characteristic colour depending on the nature of the exhaled gas.

A particular colour not only will indicate the presence of a lung ailment, but its extent as well, Dr Comroe said.

The meter, developed by Dr John C. Lilly at the University, can test a patient in .03 of a second, making it applicable for mass examinations of industrial workers, particularly those subject to pulmonary diseases.

GETTING AROUND



The long-necked pelican at the London Zoo doesn't need any rear-view mirrors when it comes to preening his feathers. He stays spic and span with the aid of a long and talented neck which is adapted to reaching all angles. A look-see really has some meaning to this old bird. — (Acme).

K. O. CANNON The Riddle of the Red Domino



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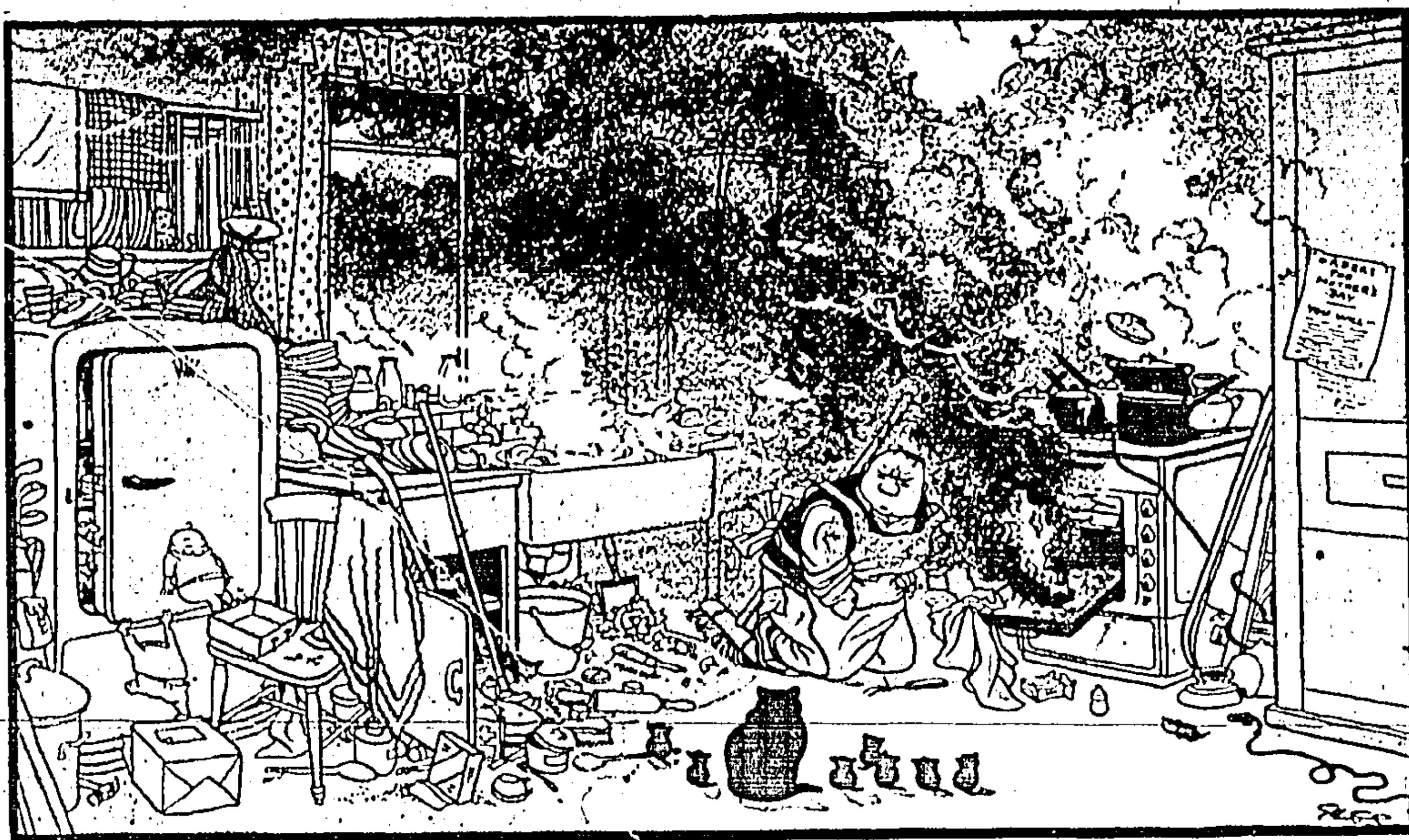
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London Express Service

'Lord of the earth' loses his estates

By CHARLES FOLEY

Rome. PRINCE ALESSANDRO TORLONIA, wealthiest landowner in Europe—his title "lord of the earth"—is to be stripped of his richest estates by the Italian Government to end the "green war" between peasants and landowners which threatens to communise the countryside. Losses will be inflicted on all landed proprietors—who own nearly half Italy—but no one will suffer more severely than Prince Torlonia. His refusal to co-operate in land reforms has angered the Government.

The prince does not know of the decision to seize his estates. When the Minister of Agriculture, Signor Segni, rang him up, he sent this reply: "Princes are not called to the telephone." In a penthouse overlooking Rome I talked with the lovely young Duchess of Torlonia, who gave up a film career to marry the prince's cousin. "So the prince is to be dispossessed?" she said. "Well, no one will be sorry. He is a man

due to agitators. If the Government take any of my land they violate the Constitution." Coloured portraits of his father (white imperial), and his uncle (ribbed monarch) gazed down on their 21-year-old son, who works 15 hours a day.

The young prince rears frivolties and dresses up. In a country where Communist or gangster look danger and wear gold watches, Torlonia wears a cheap, ready-made suit, worn shoes, and a gaudy watch.

Though he has a brain for business like a lightning calculator, he could not work out for me what he puts into his estate compared with the millions he takes out.

SILONE

WHEN I left the prince's study office I had eaten up an hour of his time value—about £10 of his £1,500 a day income.

I doubt whether the peasants' Magna Carta, which demands a hour of his time value as well as the resettling of 250,000 families on big estates, could have been produced but for two things:

The incidence of America, which regards the scheme as vital to a stable Europe, and the fact that 20 years ago a peasant, Ignazio Silone, wrote a book called "Fontamara," which brought home to the world how the forgotten southern half of Italy lives.

Silone, now a prosperous literary man, looked in at my hotel recently to give me an introduction to his friends in Fontamara. I should see the village, he said.

One hundred miles over the mountains from Rome and you drop right into the village. Fontamara mocks the tourist Italy of pretty village girls and wine. Its soil is dry.

The first Torlonia drained the great lake of Fucino and took over the 40,000 fertile acres underneath.

FONTAMARA

FONTAMARA and a dozen lakeside villages gave work to 10,000 peasants on the empty space as feudal-style tenants of tiny holdings, share-croppers, or day labourers. "Do you remember," they asked me, "the hierarchy of the book Fontamara?" It is the same today.

Green guards patrol the good earth in the valley on which Fontamara gazes.

There is a poster of Danny Kaye among the ruins. To it has been added, in the last week, a menacing slogan: "Death to the Torlonias!"

Fearing he might lose his estate Prince Torlonia cut down on repair work to roads, canals, and bridges. Unemployment rose to 8,000 in ten villages.

The people acted. Down into the valley they poured with spears, hammers, and picks to get about the repairs in disciplined groups.

They demanded wages for the work. Faced with this inside-down strike, and the danger that the people would keep the land, Torlonia had to pay.

Land reform has been hastened by the offensive to seize and plough uncultivated properties.

Stern action has now been taken to halt this movement first, because it allows the Communists to claim credit for forcing the reform; second, because it has created 1,000

peasant co-operatives which might turn into Soviets.

I drove out to Monte Rotondo to see there the model co-operative started five years ago at the cost of many a broken head, when the land was seized from the Government by 1,000 peasants.

A group of Communists were working on what looked like a dismantled tank. The tracks, unrolled along the ground, exposed markings in Russian script. It was, they claimed, a present from Stalingrad, and exactly what the comrades wanted.

TREASURES

IN a cavern below the castle I were their other treasures—a superb new American combine harvester, another bought second-hand, an Italian Breda tractor, and a pinbright, mechanical harrow.

Illo Boss, Communist leader of the Peasant Front, sat in his office in Rome under a gold-embroidered red banner and talked proudly of his 1,000 co-operatives all over Italy with their 250,000 peasant members. I believe the Italian Government is at last in earnest. Land proposals are tabled.

But this is no final solution. The population will grow at the rate of 1,000,000 in ten years—and emigration has stopped.

—London Express Service.



HICK TOWN IS CHIC TOWN

DALLAS, Texas. AT the jewellery counter I watched Jim Russell, 20 times over a millionaire from oil, pay out \$10,000 in dollars for a diamond.

In the fur department I found them sending off a 23,000 mink coat which a rubber man's wife had ordered by post.

In the original creations section of the dress department I waited while a mother picked out a \$200 frock for her daughter from wardrobes containing the output of 48 of the world's top designers.

In house furnishings I saw a woman pay \$200 for an occasional table.

And, mind you, today was not an unusual one in the routine of Neiman-Marcus, a shop which is as big a tourist attraction for Americans as Hampton Court in London, or the Louvre in Paris—and much more fun.

WHAT SENT ME to Neiman-Marcus was a mystery. I wanted to find out why in Dallas—a hick town by New York standards—the women are

better dressed than any I have seen in America.

Well, the solution of that mystery is that at least half of them shop at Neiman-Marcus.

And it sells only the world's best, whether it's a three-guinea

C.V.R. THOMPSON on tour

cashmere sweater from Britain or a 300-guinea "original" from Paris.

So many of the finest clothes that are made come into the salons of this "hick town" shop, that a Dallas woman can examine in one room what New York women could see only by going to 50 shops.

THE FOUR BROTHERS who run this store do not just buy up all the world's finest clothes. They also start fashions.

It is the proud claim of Dallas women that they wore the New Look two months ahead of New York or Hollywood.

Now they are working on an-

Flogging: can we keep order without it?

BY W.J. BROWN

ONE of the curses of partisan controversy is that it over-simplifies all issues. Thus the Lords have been discussing a matter on which feeling runs high in Britain, and on which the partisans are very active. It is: "Should corporal punishment for certain categories of crime be reintroduced? Shall we bring back the cat and the birch?"

That is a gross oversimplification. The real issue is: "How shall we deal with crime?"—a much wider matter, of which the issue of whether to whip or not to whip is only one aspect.

Nobody likes the idea of flogging. But most of us feel that it would do no harm to youths who bludgeoned old age pensioners of 92, or pour paraffin on a poor squirrel's coat and then set it alight, or stone a cat to death in a sandpit, or commit any one of the innumerable horrors of which we read in the papers, if they experienced a little of the pain they inflict on others.

THE QUESTION

AS with the proposed abolition of punishment, we feel let the criminals start first!

The question must be posed, thus: Granted the situation in the country, granted the limitations on other methods of punishment, ought corporal punishment to be reintroduced, or can we do without it?

Opponents of flogging rest themselves on the report of a Departmental Committee in 1938, which unanimously recommended its abolition, and on the fact that when it was abolished, abolition was not, in the months that immediately ensued, followed by a rise in the crime-rate for offences for which flogging had previously been applied.

I would observe, as to this, that since 1938, we have had a war. That war involved the break-up of more homes

(through conscription, the transfer of industrial workers, bombing and evacuation) than even the war of 1914-18, in which in 1938 we had somewhat recovered.

A generation is growing to manhood whose childhood was devoid of the normal security of home and the normal control of the father.

DESERTERS

THAT is not a short-term, but a long-term problem. A generation brought up amid the destruction of property and life on an unprecedented scale is not apt to be impressed with the sacredness of either.

Next there is the problem of the wartime deserter, forced to live underground and often by criminal means, because he cannot lawfully acquire an identity card or a ration book, without disclosing his past. The police favour an amnesty here, but Government have so far refused.

The ideal way of dealing with crime is, of course, to prevent it. How? Through the police? But all over the country there is a shortage of police.

We are 4,000 short in London alone, and probably 20,000 short over the country as a whole. And as for the policemen we have, a lot of their time is spent in enforcing the myriad regulations to which we are subject, and of which the number, and sometimes the character, is such as to diminish respect for law itself.

In these days of full employment and social security in old age, men are not drawn to the police force as they used to be, by the prospect of regular employment and a pension at the end.

NEW RECRUITS

TWO things would attract more recruits. One is higher pay to compensate for the irregular hours and the six-day week which is so often a seven-day week. The other is more houses for policemen.

Sir Stafford Cripps forbids more than the recent modest rise, and Mr Deane forbids the second. The understating will thus continue.

What crimes are committed they must be punished. But how? By imprisonment?

Very well—but the prison population today is roughly twice what it was before the war. And, apart from some Borstal-prisons-without-bars no new prisons have been built.

So some 2,000 prisoners are being accommodated three in a cell. This involves much greater risk of concerted action against prison officers than when prisoners are separately accommodated, and greater risk that what the sentence will do to a prisoner is not to reform him, but to complete his criminal education.

Like the police forces, the prison service is grossly undermanned, and for much the same reasons. But the Home Secretary has refused prison officers even the modest increase given to the police.

Public alarm about the crime wave is fully justified. Night-watchmen, bank clerks, book-lark-office clerks, cinema managers even women in their own homes are not safe.

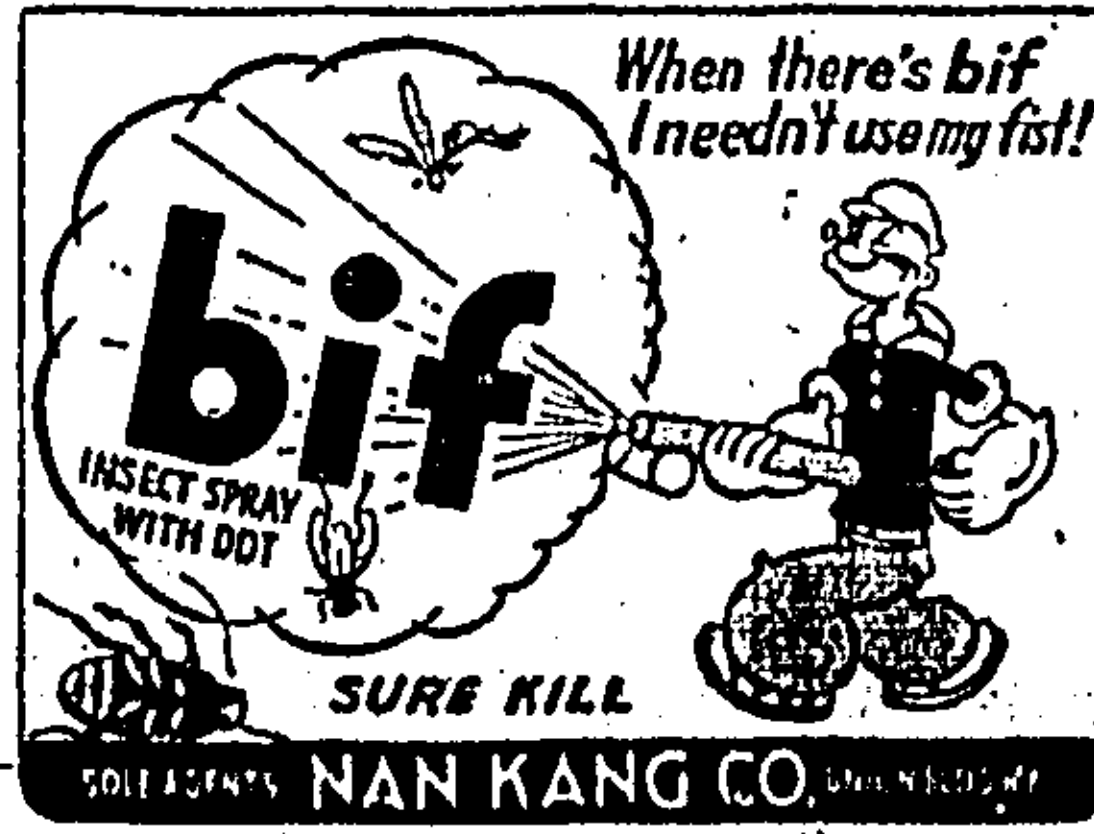
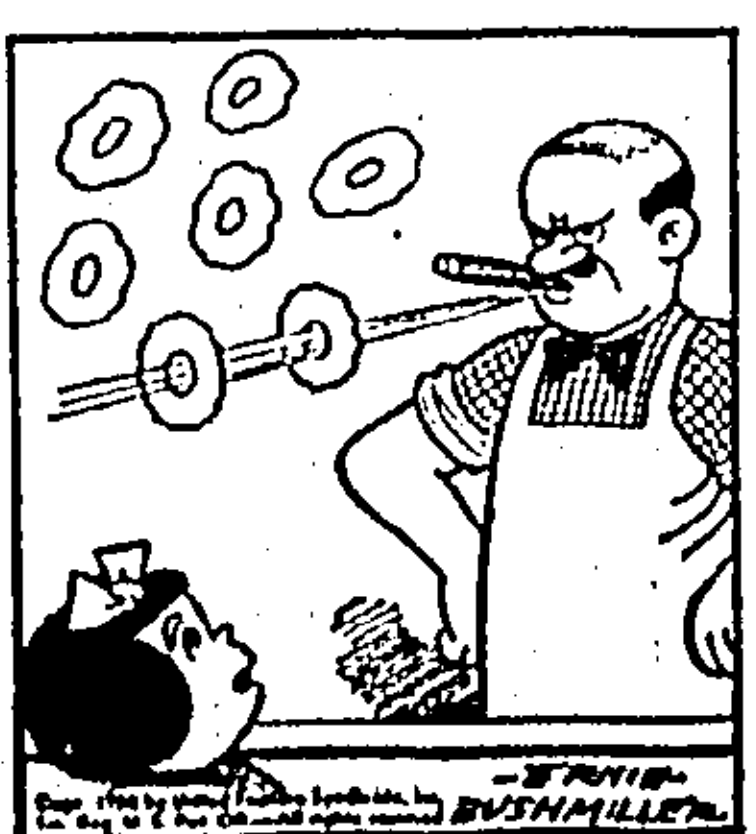
DETERRENT

THAT corporal punishment is a deterrent I make no doubt. It deterred me. The Government have no doubt either. For it preserves corporal punishment for attacks on vandals.

When you have seen, as I have seen, a strong man full of life and intelligence reduced to the level of a permanent moron by a prisoner driving a pair of cloth-cutting shears into his brain, you think the Government are right. But if it is right there, it cannot be wholly wrong everywhere else.

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NANCY Puffetly Obvious



Council Of Europe Meeting

Germany May Be Admitted

Paris, Mar. 29.—Germany's entry into the Council of Europe will be the main subject of discussion at the meeting of the Council's Ministerial Committee in Strasbourg tomorrow, a French Foreign Office spokesman said today.

The Council will discuss the procedure to be adopted to facilitate Germany's entry into the Council, the spokesman added.

An invitation to Germany from the Ministerial Committee is not excluded, he said.

Germany's entry into the Council was expected to be settled at this meeting of the Ministerial Committee.

If all went well, Germany could be represented at the July session of the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

The Saar would probably join the Council of Europe very shortly after Germany, the spokesman said.

REPORT DENIED

He denied a report from Bonn today that the Western German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, had received an assurance from the French Foreign Minister, M. Robert Schuman, that France would support the nomination of a German as observer to the Ministerial Committee, once Germany had joined the Council.

"This would be contrary to the Council of Europe's statute, which provides that only foundation members may be represented on the Ministerial Committee," the spokesman said.

Asked if France would support a change in the statute to make the nomination of a German observer possible, the spokesman said, "No,"—Reuter.

BEVIN AT CALAIS

Strasbourg, Mar. 29.—European Foreign Ministers are on their way to Strasbourg for a meeting of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe which opens here tomorrow.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, has reached Calais, while the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, left Rome by train today.

The Council's first concern will be to discuss the admission of the West German Federal Republic and the Saar territory to associate membership.

The Saar has also applied for membership. Germany's position will be considered in the light of the conditions set forward last week by the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer.

Members of the Consultative Assembly will be in the city today to discuss the text of the Statute of the Council of Europe.

Arrangements were being completed also for the conference of the 12-nation North Atlantic Defence Council which begins on Saturday.

The United States Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis B. Johnson, will preside at the meeting,—Reuter.

WHITSUN SESSION

Paris, Mar. 29.—The European Movement today recommended that the European Assembly of the Council of Europe should hold a short seven-day session at Whitsun to discuss the report due from the Committee of Ministers on the promotion of a European union.

This recommendation is being submitted to the Committee of Ministers, meeting at Strasbourg tomorrow, and to the Standing Committee of the European Assembly.—Reuter.

China-India Post

San Francisco, Mar. 29.—Peking Radio reported tonight that the postal service between India and Communist China would be resumed. The resumption would cover letters, postcards, trade contracts, printed matters and samples of commodities. Parcel post and other services will not be resumed at present.—Reuter.

AT WRAC REUNION



HRH the Princess Royal, Controller of the Women's Royal Army Corps, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and Senior Controller Dame May Tyrwhitt, at the fourth annual reunion of the QMAAC, Women's Army Corps of the 1914-18 war, ATS and WRAC at the Royal Albert Hall, London. It was by this reunion that the CIGS announced that the King had approved the change of all existing WRAC commissioned rank titles to their equivalent in the Army.

BUTTERWORTH TO CONCENTRATE ON JAPAN AFFAIRS

Washington, Mar. 29.—Authoritative quarters contended today that political as well as diplomatic reasons prompted Mr. Dean Acheson's appointment of Mr. Walter C. Butterworth to the full-time job of handling relations with Japan.

The official account of Mr. Butterworth's new job stressed importance his work will have in the preparation of the peace treaty with Japan. However, other informed sources said that while he undoubtedly will explore that field to get some kind of programme regarding the treaty, this is not necessarily the full reason for his transfer, nor does it mean a treaty is any nearer.

This viewpoint coincided with the caution expressed privately by more than one official not to expect any sudden development towards a Japanese peace treaty.

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Officials said one of the first bodies with which United States will consult will be the Committee in London set up by the British Commonwealth at the Colombo conference to work on preparations for a Japanese treaty.—United Press.

Middle East Parleys Give Rise To Many Conflicting Reports

Cairo, Mar. 29.—Reports that Britain had intervened in the Jordan-Arab League dispute, warning Egypt that intervention in Jordan's internal affairs would be considered as hostile to Britain, were dismissed in Arab and British official quarters in Cairo as "sheer fabrications."

While British and American diplomats have been counselling Arab leaders to be moderate and not disturb peace and stability in the Middle East, it is stressed that recent events within the Arab League were not as gloomy as they may appear.

A spokesman of the Arab League said: "There has never been any question of intervention in Jordan's internal affairs by any Arab state. Even if the League should decide to expel Jordan and take economic sanctions, this does not amount to intervention in internal affairs."

A mass of conflicting, baseless reports have been reaching Cairo from the Arab capitals since the Arab League's Council opened on March 25.

Aid Asked To Trap Singapore Communist

Singapore.—The Singapore Special Branch has sent a call to police throughout Southeast Asia asking for help in trapping a Chinese Communist bomb-thrower who carried human skin in his wallet, according to the Sunday Tribune.

The skin—three small wafers—was folded in cheap white paper and labelled in Chinese. "White skin peeled off on the third occasion."

The Special Branch is convinced that the bomb-thrower is linked with the recent grenade attempt on the anti-Communist Chinese newspaper, Chung Shing Jit Pao, though not actually the man who threw the grenade.

A few hours before the incident, an employee of the paper was cycling home when he was attacked by two Chinese. The attackers fled on the approach of a bus, but the employee found that in the struggle he had torn out the skin of one of the men and was still clutching the man's wallet.

The wallet contained, in addition to the skin, the list of names and addresses which the police are now investigating. The employee's description of the man who had the wallet was found to tally with that of a wanted Communist bomb-thrower, who is known to have taken part in sabotage in other cities in Southeast Asia.—Reuter.

Vansittart Says:

Odds On A War With Russia

London, Mar. 29.—Lord Vansittart, former chief diplomatic adviser to the Government, said today that it was his considered judgment that the odds were on a Soviet war of aggression rather than against it.

"All my life I have never seen any nation prepared for war," quite so openly as the Soviet Union," he told the House of Lords.

He was urging resolute precautions against Communist infiltration into public services and other important branches of British public life.

Lord Jowitt, the Lord Chancellor, replying for the Government, said he strongly suspected that Britain was more free from Communism than any other country.

He made these other points: The membership of the Communist Party in Britain had remained fairly constant at about 10,000 for a good many years. There was no reason to think that it was increasing.

Seventy-four Communists and Fascists had been removed from their posts in the Government's purge in the last two-and-a-half years.—Reuter.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION
In the light of Batty's clues "Thirteen Thirteens": "Integer": "every letter is significant"; "clearly pointed" there should be little difficulty in interpreting the system of code names. One—thirteen—two—thirteen—and so on, expressed as decimal fractions, form two cyclic series, in each of which the same six digits recur. So we get:
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CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

ANSWERS

1. Ignaz Jan Paderewski.
2. A Mexican cowboy.
3. Fort is the left hand side and starboard the right hand side.
4. In the deserts of Africa and Arabia.
5. An ambassador with full powers to make a treaty.
6. Lima.

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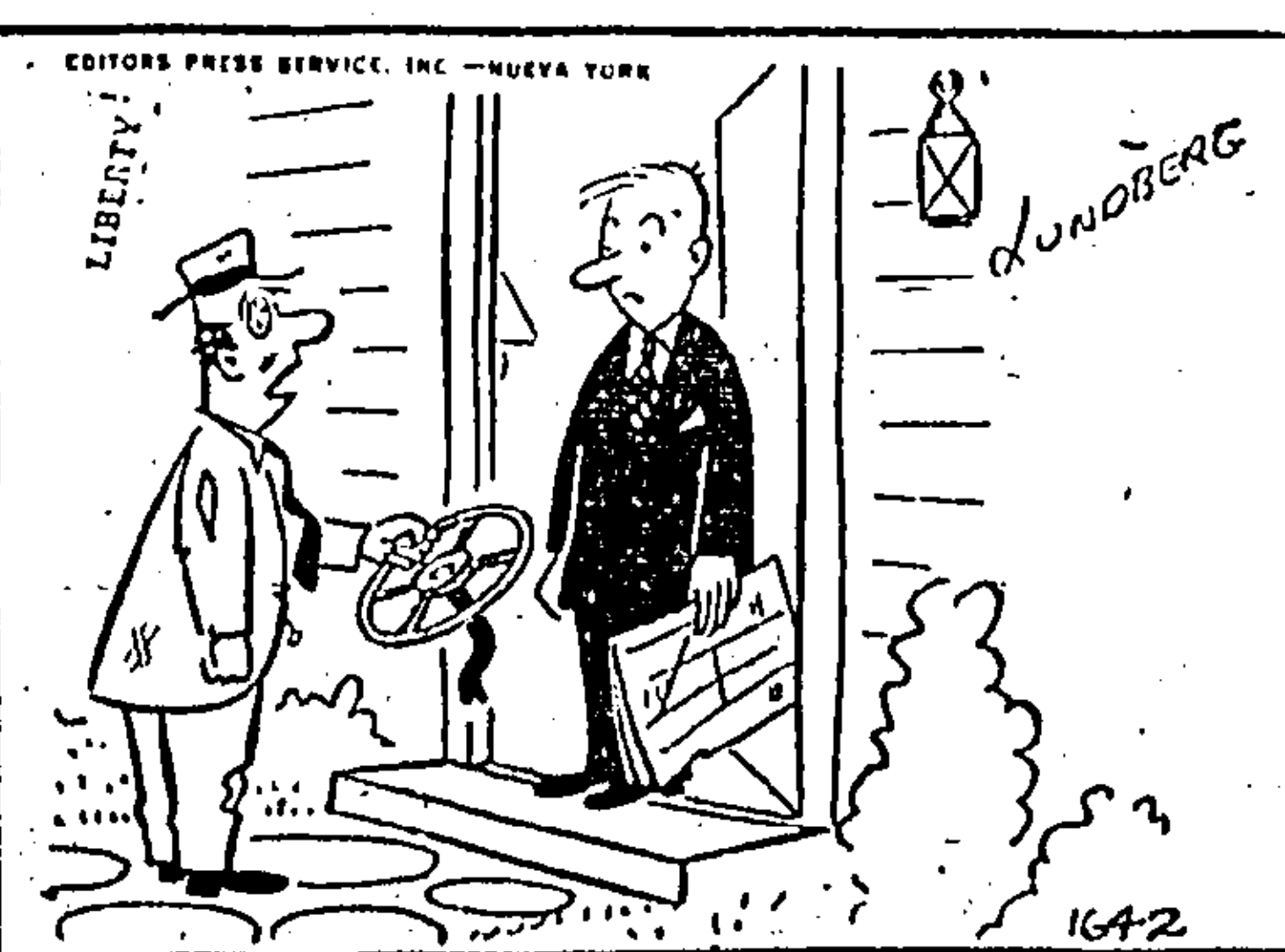
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